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Lebanese Crisis

Military Situation--Jerusalem radio reported that Israeli planes attacked makeshift bridges across the Litani and Az-Zahrani Rivers on 22 July, scoring accurate hits, and that all aircraft returned safely to base. Beirut radio noted that a number of bridges were destroyed in the raids, which caused at least 50 casualties, including 18 dead. It said most of the casualties were civilians and reported that scores of civilian cars were destroyed on the Az-Zahrani bridge with their passengers inside. Some of the casualties were "horribly mutilated," the radio added. The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio reported that Israeli aircraft also struck at the Az-Zahrani oil refinery, although Jerusalem radio said IDF sources denied this. The air raids on the Az-Zahrani area followed a 10-hour local cease-fire, reported by Jerusalem radio, during which the Lebanese Red Cross worked to remove the bodies of about 20 people from the debris of the bridge bombed previously by the Israeli Air Force.

According to the Voice of Palestine, Isreali artillery renewed its intensive shelling of Palestinian targets during the afternoon and evening, hitting Al-'Ayshiyah, 'Arab Salim, An-Nabatiyah, Ar-Rashidiyah Camp, Al-Ghaziyah and other targets. The radio also reported that the Palestinians foiled two Israeli landing attempts during the night of 22-23 July. Meanwhile, Jerusalem radio reported further Palestinian shell and rocket fire on the eastern and western sectors of northern Israel. It said Katyusha rockets damaged the electricity network in western Galilee and noted that the Palestinians fired over 100 shells and rockets at the eastern sector during the day. The radio reported no Israeli casualties in the attacks. AFP cited a UN spokesman as confirming reports that Israel has concentrated unusually large numbers of troops and artillery in the Christian-held border strip. Controversy has continued over the Palestinian claim to have captured an Israeli soldier, with the Voice of Palestine naming the prisoner and Jerusalem radio denying that any Israeli soldier has been captured and indicating that he may be a missing civilian.

Begin Remarks, Cabinet Meeting--Jerusalem radio quoted Prime Minister Menahem Begin as telling residents of northern Israel that a day will come when no Katyushas will fall and revealing that the IDF destroyed three Palestinian 130-mm artillery pieces during its operations the previous day. Speaking on a tour of three northern settlements, Begin revealed that in his talks with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, he had not used the term "cease-fire" but rather the phrase "peaceful relations with Lebanon." According to Jerusalem television, the Israeli Cabinet is to discuss military and political aspects of the Lebanese crisis as well as the question of U.S.-Israeli relations in a special session on 23 July.

Israeli Military Chiefs Comment--ITIM quoted Chief of Staff Lt Gen Refa'el Eytan as telling a press conference that Israel must retain the initiative in its battle with Palestinian "terrorists" and must not return to the past by permitting them to regain it. In an interview reported by Jerusalem radio, Air Force Commander Maj Gen David 'Ivri said the Israeli pilots were careful to avoid causing unnecessary civilian casualties in their 17 July air attack on Beirut. 'Ivri also said that the Syrian plane downed over Lebanon on 13 February was a MiG-25. In another interview, broadcast by IDF radio, he said the Palestinians used SAM-9 missiles during one recent Israeli air attack.

Israeli Reaction to Weinberger--Jerusalem radio spoke of "amazement" in Jerusalem at U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's remarks that Israel has undermined the Habib mission by bombing both the Iraqi nuclear reactor and Beirut. The radio reported that political circles in Jerusalem consider that Israel has acted with patience and moderation, giving Habib sufficient time to solve the problems--although he has so far failed to secure the removal of the Syrian missiles in Lebanon. The circles also regard Weinberger's definition of Saudi Arabia as a moderate country as either naive or evil in light of the Saudi attitude toward Israel. A statement by the prime minister's office, carried by ITIM, noted that after the Israeli attacks on the reactor and Beirut, Begin met several times with Habib, who never expressed any views similar to Weinberger's.

Habib Mission--Beirut radio reported that U.S. envoy Habib arrived in Beirut on the morning of 22 July and subsequently met with President Ilyas Sarkis. On the same day, Riyadh radio reported his arrival in Jidda. According to Jerusalem television, President Ronald Reagan has entrusted Habib with a message to President Hafiz al-Asad proposing that the Syrian leader meet with Reagan in Europe. The message has not yet been delivered, the radio said, because Habib knows that Al-Asad would decline Reagan's offer in light of the present situation in Lebanon.

Saudi Offer to Lebanon--In remarks broadcast by Beirut radio, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Lebanon disclosed that the Saudi Cabinet has decided to offer Lebanon $120 million to help pay for the damage to its oil installations caused by Israeli air raids.

Egyptian-Sudanese Statement--In a joint statement issued at the close of their talks in Cairo, Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat and Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri denounced the Israeli aggression against Lebanon as contrary to the spirit of peace, an overt violation of Lebanese sovereignty, a threat to regional security and stability and an invitation to more foreign interference in Lebanon's affairs. The statement, transmitted by MENA, urged the "international sides concerned" to stop giving any assistance to Israel that will encourage it to persist in its aggressive policy.

Iran

Peykar Members Executed--A central public prosecutor's office statement, carried by Tehran radio, said 15 Peykar members were executed for various antigovernment activities. The radio also said nine leftists were executed for armed activity against the republic and for throwing grenades.

Majlis Candidates, Official Attacked--Shiraz radio reported that Majlis candidate Mohyeddin Fazel Arandi escaped an assassination attempt near Eqlid when his car was riddled with approximately 300 bullets by "U.S. lackeys and local feudalists." Arandi was not injured, the radio said. According to Tehran radio, Majlis candidate from Esfahan, Hasan Beheshti, was killed on 23 July during an attack on his home by "American agents." AFP reported that Shergerf Nakha'i, under secretary of state in the Education Ministry, escaped unharmed when gunmen opened fire on him as he left his home.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Tehran radio reported that in a clash on the Marivan front, Iranian forces destroyed an Iraqi battalion consisting of at least 500 men and a special company consisting of 100-150 men. It said Iranian forces then captured the strategic heights of Senam, taking the Iraqi battalion commander and 65 Iraqi soldiers as prisoners of war. The radio also said Iranian guerrilla groups gained control of the Sayyid Sadiq-Panjwin road in Iraq on 21 July, following which the Sayyid Sadiq garrison was destroyed. An INA commentator described recent reports emanating from Iran on the occupation of Biabah and the advance toward Tawilah as a "new lie in the series of lies" told by Iran. An Iraqi Armed Forces General Command communique, transmitted by INA, said Iranian forces shelled the Khawr 'Abdallah region from the outskirts of Khosrowabad but claimed that most of the shells fell in the water.

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DEFENSE MINISTER RAFI' VISITS BALKH PROVINCE

LD222104 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] At a meeting held today Brig Gen Mohammad Rafi', minister of defense, distributed medals to those officers and men of the Balkh region forces who have heroically and valorously struggled against the country's and revolution's enemies.

At the start of the meeting the defense minister said in a speech: Revolutionaries and comrades in arms; I am pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you, the country's heroes and revolution's guards, at close hand and to convey to you the good wishes and warm greetings of the Central Committee, Politburo and Babrak Karmal himself.

Brig Gen Mohammad Rafi' added: Our party and revolutionary government will never forget the highest example of your mannood and courage. Through your hard work you have embarked upon propagating the revolution's lofty objectives and are showing valor in defending the revolution and the country's honor.

Subsequently, Brig Gen Gol Aqa, general director of political affairs of the armed forces, said in a speech: Our country's military organization is exhibited in our heroic army which has played a significant role in the Sawr Revolution's success and is a heroic, powerful and disciplined army which is dealing decisive blows at the shameful conspiracies of imperialism and its hirelings.

The commander and the political director of the zone's forces also made speeches at this meeting. On behalf of the zone's officers and men, they pledged every manner of cooperation in defending the revolution and the country.

The BAKHTAR correspondent adds: Defense Minister Mohammad Rafi' and his entourage--Brig Gen Gol Aqa, Air Force and Air Defense Commander Brig Gen Akhter Mohammad, and some Defense Ministry department heads--arrived this morning in Mazar-e Sharif, the capital of Balkh Province.

According to another report, the defense minister investigated the founding and the academic affairs of a new air force and air battalion department and gave the necessary instructions to its personnel. About 1700 the defense minister returned to Kabul.

POLITBURO MEMBERS MEET WITH GDR DELEGATION

Ratebzad Talks With Sieber

LD202240 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 20 Jul 81

[Text] Dr Anahita Ratebzad, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of DRA friendship societies with foreign countries, had a courtesy meeting this afternoon in the headquarters of DRA friendship societies with Guenter Sieber, member of GDR Socialist Unity Party Central Committee and in charge of the party's international relations, and the accompanying delegation.

This meeting, which took place in an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality, discussed subjects of mutual interest.

Barialay Meets With Delegation

LD210600 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 21 Jul 81

[Text] Kabul, 20 Jul (BAKHTAR)--The visiting member of the Central Committee and head of the International Relations Department of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, Guenter Sieber, had a friendly meeting with an alternate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, Mahmud Barialay, today.

The Afghan side acquainted the party delegation of GDR with the process of changes in the party and the growth of the revolutionary process as also with the activities for the elimination of the counterrevolutionary elements and the formation of the National Fatherland Front and its role in the social, political and economic life of the country.

The GDR party delegation informed the Afghan side of its opinion on various international problems and the decisions of the 12th SED Congress and the changes that have been affected under these decisions.

The talks were held in an atmosphere of fraternal understanding, friendship and sincerity and during its course the community and identity of views of both sides on various basic and important international problems was manifested once again.

Ziray, Others Talk With Group

LD222122 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the Politburo, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the national committee of the National Fatherland Front [NFF], this morning received Guenter Sieber and his colleagues at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council.

At this meeting, held in an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality, discussions were held about matters of interest. The GDR party delegation recently came to Kabul to take part in the opening ceremony of the party printing plant.

According to another report, Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and vice president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, this afternoon received Guenter Sieber, member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany [SED] and chief of the International Relations Department of the SED, at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council. At this meeting, at which members of the GDR delegation were also present, views were exchanged about matters of interest between the countries in an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality.

Similarly, the GDR party delegation under the chairmanship of Guenter Sieber, member of the SED Central Committee and chief of the SED Central Committee International Relations Department, met this afternoon with a number of the party Central Committee members and party cadres in the hall of the Revolutionary Council. The GDR delegation explained in detail the progress and achievements in the field of socioeconomics under the leadership of the SED and also dwelt on the history of the SED, the youth and the Fatherland Front organization of that country, which was received with particular interest by the audience.

Dastagir Panjshiri, member of the PDPA Politburo and chief of the evaluation and control department of the party and Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, were also present.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that Mahmud Barialay thanked the GDR party delegation, members of the Central Committee, (?functionaries) of the Central Committee and party cadres for the explanations that they gave about the progress and the organization of the GDR youth and the Fatherland Front.

AIJAL CURFEW ANNOUNCED AFTER STUDENT UNREST

BK221030 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] Curfew was clamped in Aijal this afternoon as a precautionary measure following student unrest. This was announced by the district magistrate. Earlier, police burst tear gas shells to disperse a gherao [sit-in] at the local thana [police station] by members of a student organization. They were demanding unconditional release of three members of the organization who were arrested last night on a complaint of forcible collection of donations.

GANDHI PLEDGES CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS

BK221307 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] The prime minister has expressed shock at the escalating reign of terror unleashed by Israel against the Palestinian people. In a message to chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization Yasir 'Arafat, Mrs Gandhi said Israel's action has threatened peace in the entire region and has caused grave concern to India. She pledged India's continued support for the brave struggle of the Palestinian people.

The message was sent to 'Arafat through the Indian charge d'affaires in Beirut.

REDDY VISITS TO INDONESIA, SRI LANKA POSTPONED

BK221700 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] President Sanjiva Reddy's scheduled visit to Indonesia and Sri Lanka has been postponed. The visit was to begin on 6 August. According to a spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry, no new dates have been announced.

ACTS OF SABOTAGE, EXECUTIONS CONTINUE 22-23 JUL

15 Executed at Evin Prison

LD221758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Statement issued by central public prosecutor's office, Tehran, 22 July--read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Zealous and honorable people of Iran: The Central Islamic Revolution Court, in accordance with its religious and humanitarian duty, held a session on 19 July 1981 in order to investigate the charges against 15 active members of a team for printing, publishing and distributing publications of the U.S.-backed Peykar organization. The Islamic Revolution Court, heard the defense of those who were accused of: 1. Direct collaboration with the U.S.-backed Peykar minigroup; 2. Carrying and concealing weapons and ammunition to wage armed struggle against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran; 3. Adopting a policy of armed struggle against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran; 4. Forging government and revolutionary documents and evidence; and 5. Plundering the Muslims' treasury. The court deliberated on the issues at stake, found all of the accused guilty of being perpetrators of corruption, transgressors, wagers of war against God and apostates and condemned them to death.

The sentences passed were carried out on the grounds of Evin Prison today, Wednesday, 22 July 1981.

Majlis Candidate Attacked

GF221512 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] Dear listeners: Please pay attention to this report that has just arrived:

Mr Mohyeddin Fazel Arandi, a Majlis candidate, has escaped an assassination attempt. In the attempt, which was carried out by U.S. lackeys and local feudalists, his car was hit with approximately 300 bullets at about noon today at (Bezan Ahmadabad) pass, near Eqlil.

Three of his companions were wounded and have been transferred to Esfahan. Mr Arandi was not injured.

Poisoned Cookies

GF221531 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Communique issued by the Shadagan Revolution Guard Corps on 22 July]

[Excerpt] Once again, counterrevolutionaries have carried out a new plot and have committed a new treason--which could have been planned only by stinking Zionist and imperialist minds--against our people, especially the children. According to reports received by the Shadagan revolution guards Public Relations Office, counterrevolutionaries poisoned a large amount of (Vitana) cookies and distributed them throughout the city last night.

These cookies have an unusual odor, and their wrappers have small holes through which the poison was injected.

According to the same report, brother revolution guards and citizens began collecting the cookies as soon as they received this information. A large amount of cookies has been collected and stored at the revolution guards' office and the governor's office.

Shadagan revolution guards have requested that people deal strong blows to the counter-revolutionaries. If they notice any suspicious activity they should report it at once to their brother guards.

Forbidden Items Seized

LD230904 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 23 Jul 81

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that at 2200 last night a meeting house was uncovered by brother guards and by the Central Committee in the vicinity of (Valiye 'Asr) Square. The home had been identified earlier. The brother guards and members of the committee seized a quantity of shredded documents belonging to those connected with the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq], [word indistinct] explosives, dirty 8-mm films, a projector, rubber, publications belonging to the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization, as well as a quantity of hoarded goods. In a clash, the windows of the building were smashed and two people were arrested.

9 'Hypocrites' Executed

LD230846 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 23 Jul 81

[Text] Nine people belonging to the monafeqin-e mohareb [hypocrites who have waged war on God] were sentenced to death on charges of armed activity against the Islamic Republic of Iran and of throwing grenades at people.

The sentence was carried out last night in the Evin Prison compound.

Majlis Candidate Killed

LD230832 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0738 GMT 23 Jul 81

[Text] The Central News Unit reported from Esfahan that at 0800 this morning a number of American imperialist agents attacked the home of Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed Hasan Beheshti, a candidate for the Islamic Consultative Assembly from Esfahan, and killed him with their American bullets.

Antiregime Acts

NC211843 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 21 Jul 81

[Excerpt] A Free Voice of Iran correspondent has reported that during the past few days a number of explosions have occurred in Tehran and other cities. In Shiraz a car parked near a mosque was set on fire. In Tehran a dairy shop, two fabric shops and a confectionary shop, whose owners are supporters of Khomeyni and members of the Islamic Republican Party, were set on fire. A motorcyclist threw a grenade at a mosque where Hezbollahi ruffians had gathered, resulting in a number of injuries.

Bazaar, Ministry Bombed

NC221505 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] Reports received from Tehran state that the bomb explosion yesterday morning in the bazaar seriously wounded four people, one of them critically. It is said that the bomb was planted in the chambers of one of the regime's associates. The explosion also destroyed two cars and shattered the windows of the chamber.

Regime opponents also planted a bomb in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and blew up part of the building. Reports state that armed strugglers had planted the bomb in a suitcase which they left in front of the entrance to the building and detonated it at a predetermined time.

In this explosion a number of people were slightly injured.

Clashes in Bushehr, Yazd

NC222120 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] Our correspondent reports that in an armed clash between patriotic combatants and Khomeyni's mercenary revolution guards in the Jam area of Bushehr four revolution guards were killed and two were wounded. It should be recalled that several days ago a clash took place in the same region in which three revolution guards were killed.

Our correspondent reports that demonstrations against Khomeyni's regime were held in Yazd during which 50 combatant Yazd residents were arrested. We have received no reports so far on the number of people killed or injured in these demonstrations.

FRG RADIO ATTACKED FOR REPORTAGE ON EXECUTIONS

GF230612 Tehran International Service in Turkish 18?? GMT 20 Jul 81

[Unattributed commentary: "Islamic Law--Something That Is Not Nice for the Kaffirs"]

[Excerpts] Dear listeners: We would like to draw your attention to remarks made by the official FRG radio on the morning of 17 July--a radio on whose remarks we touched slightly a few days ago. We are not unaccustomed to the view this capitalist country's official radio holds toward Islam. It is because of this that we ask you not to believe that we have been offended by its remarks. However, it is our conviction that such remarks may mislead the workers who have heard the Turkish version of the remarks--workers who are chiefly Muslim Turks living in the FRG. Thus, we shall take up the remarks of this imperialist kaffir regime.

While referring in its broadcast to capital punishment in Iran, the radio defended the view that the legal procedure applied in this respect is not in accordance with the UN international declaration of human rights. It also complained that the passing of capital punishment in over 100 cases during the past month was the result of hasty procedure. It alleged that sentences were passed by the courts without detailed investigation or compiling satisfactory evidence, and that pressure was brought to bear on witnesses and that even children had been hanged. It further claimed that the system of prosecution applied in Iran today could not be regarded as legal in light of the UN international declaration of human rights. In short, according to the official FRG view, our judicial system is so simple and wrong that it can't even be regarded as a judicial system. But what if we were to say that their system is right? Wouldn't we both be liars in the presence of God?

It claimed that in light of the so-called international declaration of human rights. It is impossible to accept the present judicial system in the Iranian Islamic state. Who do these imperialist kaffirs think they are to make us accept the judicial system they have adopted? We address ourselves to them through the words of the Koran: "your religion belongs to you and our's belongs to us." Do these imperialist kaffirs believe that we are not aware of the fact that the international declaration of human rights has been fabricated by the kaffirs--by the victors of World War II and those supporting them--and has been forcibly imposed on everyone and that Zionism and imperialism form its basis?

Let us remind these kaffirs--who have been insolent enough to say that the judicial system of the Islamic state cannot be regarded by the United Nations as legal--that if the said judicial system were abandoned just because of the moves made by the kaffirs to disgrace and belittle it, we would become just like the kaffirs. Islamic law is based on divine law and the implementations of the great prophet. The system of prosecution under Islamic law is, of course, not the same as civil law. It is unique. We are definitely not going to learn how to run Islamic courts from the United Nations, which is a deceptive Zionist setup, or from the international declaration of human rights.

The official FRG radio, which claimed that children were being hanged, is unaware of the fact that under Islamic canon underage persons cannot be penalized. And, because of this it levels criticism to create hatred in its audience.

Let us tell the official FRG radio that Islamic law would never resort to capital punishment on the pretext that it is required by the existing society. Islamic law does not regard human beings as ballast to be discarded, and they will not be sacrificed or killed for the salvation of the community. Punishment for violating just and divine laws are quickly meted out in the Islamic state so there will be no confusion on earth. The taking of arbitrary decisions or measures to prevent certain disorders is out of the question. And, since it is a fact that violating divine laws creates confusion and disorder on earth, then those violations of Islamic law are punished without delay--regardless of whether this approach has an impact on the structure of the society. Whether 100, 1,000 or only 1 person is hanged makes no difference. The guilty are punished on the basis of Islamic canon, regardless of whether they are strong or weak. The punishment meted out has been ordained by Islamic canon and even Islamic governments are not empowered to reduce or increase them arbitrarily. If they do so then their deed would be considered as cruelty.

Let us urge our listeners not to remain silent in the face of such attacks on Islam, using the Islamic revolution as a pretext. Are we to surrender and adopt the system that is attractive to the understanding of the kaffirs, who look down upon Muslims in the light of their own judicial system?

While the FRG radio endeavored to defend its so-called innocent supporters in Iran, that day Israel killed hundreds of people in Lebanon with bombs--without a trial. But why should the FRG radio raise its voice against this crime?

CABINET DISCUSSES DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

LD221208 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Cabinet held a session today under the chairmanship of the prime minister. The meeting began with a recitation from the glorious Koran. At this session, the prime minister first gave a report on the country's political situation and an analysis of the fascist and subversive activities of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq]. He pointed out that these minigroups have stepped up their cowardly terrorist operations in the period before the presidential election and the Islamic Consultative Assembly byelections in order to arouse fear among the people and prevent them from being present on the scene. Little do they realize that a nation that has always and in all circumstances supported the revolution will remain firm and resolute, and the last ditch, fruitless efforts of the defeated deviationists will have no impact on the people's morale and conscious movement.

Following this, Foreign Minister Musavi discussed the internal situation in Iraq and Saddam's shaky position. He said that what is taking place in Baghdad today and the all-embracing support it enjoys from the East and the West remind one of the last days of the rule of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

He added: In light of all the superpowers' military and economic agreements with Saddam, the time has doubtless come to prove the law about the transient nature of the oppressive Ba'thist regime in Iraq. Continuing his report, the foreign minister referred to the observation of Jerusalem Day and the enthusiasm of the world's Muslims about this matter.

During the Cabinet session today the first monthly report from the nationwide planning council was brought up by the officials of the Plan and Budget Organization and reviewed.

In addition, today's session discussed proposals from the Ministries of Economy and Finance, Mines and Industry and Health and the Plan and Budget Organization, the steel industry organization and the foundation for war victims. These proposals were approved.

PROSECUTOR WARNS AGAINST ELECTION DISRUPTION

LD221838 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Statement issued by Tehran's Islamic revolution prosecutor--date not given]

[Text] In His exalted name. Muslim and militant people of Iran: Oh you examples of martyrdom, Oh you brave historymakers, Oh you whose permanent presence on the bloody battlefields of Islam delivered the most terrifying blows at the enemies of Islam and the Koran!

Now that in another sensitive stage you are going to demonstrate your greatest and most glorious Islamic role in the presidential elections and byelections of the Islamic Consultative Assembly on Friday, 24 July, the Islamic revolution prosecutor office of the capital, with the assistance and support from you, the zealous nation, and on the basis of the inspiration of the prophetic remarks of the great leader of the revolution, Imam Khomeyni--may his lofty shadow long continue--and directives issued by the exalted ayatollahs and great sources of imitation--may their lofty shadows continue for a long time, too--about our obligations to participate in the elections at this sensitive and vital junctures announces:

Anyone who intends to create subversion or disrupt law and order in the vicinity of the ballot boxes or disturb the public even by quarreling is hereby warned that in accordance with the Islamic shari'ah he will be deemed a wager of war against God, a rebel and a sower of corruption of earth. The Islamic revolution courts, decisively and with steadfast and steely determination, have in mind the most stringent punishments for such acts, and in the shortest possible time they will mete out the proper punishment to these traitors, criminals and corrupt individuals for their disgraceful and beastly crimes.

Certainly, your presence on the scene, the presence of the vigilant and wise nation on the scene particularly from today until Saturday, 25 July, will prevent any wrong move at mosques, mourning centers, and other clericopolitical gatherings on the occasion of the martyrdom of the lord of the believers, 'Ali, peace be upon him. Your vigilance and care in checking and searching all places of gatherings and buildings, for the purpose of identifying suspicious devices and equipment, will itself be a heavy blow at the weak body of the xenophilous and conspiring enemy. It is hoped that your vigilance and alertness and your strong determination and heroic struggle will cast the enemy in the garbage can of abjectness and adversity as soon as possible.

KHOMEYNI APPOINTS SADUQI TO SUPERVISE ELECTIONS

LD221944 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Decree issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni--date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Your Excellency Hojjat ol-Eslam Mr Mohammad 'Ali Saduqi, may your blessings increase: Your Excellency is appointed to represent me at the headquarters of the supervisory council, to supervise this election in accordance with regulations. I beseech God Almighty for your success.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni, 22 July 1981

JOINT STAFF URGES MILITARY PERSONNEL TO VOTE

LD221826 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Statement by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran--date not given]

[Text] In His exalted name. "It is incumbent upon men and women and everyone who has reached the legal age of voting to go to the ballot boxes to elect the president and to cast their votes. You should not say that others will vote. You should vote. This is a religious duty." [statement by Ayatollah Khomeyni] The commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, may his exalted shadow continue, has declared that participation in the presidential and Islamic Consultative Assembly elections is a divine and religious duty.

Therefore, the armed forces personnel throughout our homeland, even the fighters who are valiantly fighting on the battlefields in the war between truth and falsehood, should act according to their religious duty and take part in the elections. The Interior Ministry will provide the necessary facilities to receive the votes of the armed forces personnel on the fronts, in barracks and army posts.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC BANNED ON ELECTION DAY

Announcement to Tehran

LD221232 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, Tehran security headquarters has announced in a statement [words indistinct] in order to prevent subversive activities by counterrevolutionary agents, motorcycle traffic is banned from 0300 Friday, 24 July [presidential election day] until 0500 Saturday, 25 July, in Tehran and provincial centers.

The decision concerning large cities--not including provincial centers--will be up to the security headquarters of each province, comprising representatives of the security forces and revolutionary organizations.

The security officers and revolutionary organizations (?are exempt from this order), upon presentation of valid cards.

Announcement to Shiraz

GF221618 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Communique issued by the Fars Police Department on 22 July]

[Text] In His exalted name. In accordance with an order issued by the Shiraz Islamic revolution prosecutor, all motorcycle traffic is banned in the city from 1900 on 23 July until the morning of 25 July. Police officers will arrest violators, turn them over to the Islamic revolution court and impound their motorcycles. Therefore, esteemed citizens are requested not to use their motorcycles during this period.

Ahvaz Ban

GF221610 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 22 Jul 81

[Communique issued by Khuzestan Province Police Department on 22 July]

[Text] Since 24 July is the presidential election day, motorcycle traffic will be prohibited in Ahvaz. All motorcyclists are requested to cooperate with police and should avoid using their motorcycles on this day. Violators will face legal prosecution.

CLANDESTINE RADIO ON CALLS TO BOYCOTT ELECTIONS

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[Text] A Free Voice of Iran correspondent reports that following statements by religious leaders in Tehran, Mashhad, Qom and Tabriz on boycotting the presidential elections, national groups and organizations throughout the country have also renounced the presidential elections and have called on the people not to participate in the election farce despite the threats by Khomeyni's anti-Islamic regime meant to force them to vote and to disgrace this anti-Islamic and anti-Koranic regime.

Many religious leaders throughout the country have not only said that participation in the elections is not a basic duty but, on the contrary, have described participation as blasphemy because voting in these elections is tantamount to endorsing the crimes and murders of the terrorists ruling Iran. The Iranian people are saying that a rotten and detested person such as Khomeyni should know that our nation's determination cannot be crushed, and he should return to his masters in the United States and Britain, even if he throws millions of bogus votes in the ballot boxes.

Reports received here have stated that the National Front, the Iran Party, the pan-Iranist party, the nationalist group, the Mojahedin-e Eslami, Jebhe-ye Azadi-ye Iran, and political and freedom-seeking groups and organizations in Iran have said they will boycott the elections.

RADIO IRAN QUESTIONS TUDEH SUPPORT FOR RAJA'I

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] L'HUMANITE, the central organ of the French Communist Party, which moves in the "imam's line," as does the Tudeh Party, wrote in its 16 July issue: Last Wednesday the Tudeh Party called on all its members and supporters and on all of the Iranian nation to vote for Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i in the Islamic regime's presidential elections.

L'HUMANITE writes: The Iranian Tudeh Party believes that Mr Raja'i is the most faithful among the four presidential candidates to Imam Khomeyni's line in the execution of his duties.

The reason this report was published in L'HUMANITE, especially the stress that was put on the justness of the "imam's line" and the praise of an uneducated ruffian like Raja'i as "the candidate most devoted to the imam's line" has a number of points.

The first point is that it is not only the communist Tedeh Party that has very devotedly bowed its head to the "imam's line" and has granted Ruhollah Khomeyni--the dreg of reaction and (?barbarism) and the sinister manifestation of abomination and adversity--the lofty position of the "leadership of toilers" but the world network of pro-Moscow communist parties, especially the French Communist Party, are supporters of this same line of blood and killings.

The other point is that since communist parties even have to ask the Kremlin's permission to breathe, the declaration of support by the Tedeh Party and the French Communist Party for Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i's presidency has been undoubtedly made on Moscow's orders.

The third point is that the Tudeh Party, as the direct puppet of the Kremlin and the suspicious KGB agent, is too shrewd to support free of charge and with such determination a ruffian called Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i merely for God's sake, therefore, one should seek out the mutual interests involved. One try to discover what mutual support Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i will give to this party, what promises he has made to Kianuri [Tudeh Party general secretary], what direct or indirect contacts he has with the Kremlin and, basically, how the Kremlin has ?turned its attention) to this foreign entity and to people with the same (?mentality as Raja'i). Finally, the question that arises is: How can a party that, according to Karl Marx's directives, considers religion to be the opium of masses, endorse the presidency of Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i who is one of the (?clear) manifestations of religious reaction? What is the actual reason behind this cooperation, association and unison between the Tudeh Party and the Islamic Republic? How is it that the Islamic regime has crushed all freedom-seeking parties during the past 2 years and 8 months and has let free the xenophilous Tudeh Party that believes neither in Islam nor in Iranian nationalism? Indeed, (?what idiots)! They have tied the stone and set loose the dog.

COMMUNIQUE 577 REPORTS MILITARY OPERATIONS

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[Communique 577 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Armed with the might of their faith, the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran continue their battle against the aggressive enemy. We hereby report a part of the operations carried out by these self-sacrificing combatants during the past 24 hours:

An exchange of fire continued between the forces of Islam and the aggressive Iraqi Army on the Abadan-Khuninshahr front and, thanks to the enemy-consuming fire of our heroes, one enemy 100-mm artillery piece, one ammunition-carrying vehicle, three mortars, many observation posts, trenches and foxholes, six machinegun and RPG-7 emplacements and several ammunitition dumps were set ablaze and a number of Iraqi servicemen were either killed or wounded.

The combatants of the Islamic Iranian homeland also destroyed one ammunition dump and several trenches on the Darkhovin front and three ammunition dumps and two vehicles belongings to the Iraqi aggressors on the Abadan-Mahshahr axis. In the occupied sector of Khuninshahr, enemy positions came under fire from the forces of Islam and as a result three enemy mortars, three personnel-carrying vehicles and four observation posts were destroyed and number of Iraqi servicemen were either killed or wounded.

As in the past, the enemy aimed its heavy-weapon fire at and inflicted losses on the city of Abadan.

In the Dezful region, the combatants of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran set ablaze an ammunition-carrying enemy vehicle and damaged one loader. Also on this front one vehicle which was carrying aggressor servicemen was hit and its passengers were either killed or wounded.

On most of the western fronts an exchange of fire continued and in certain places this was more intense than ever before. On these fronts the mighty forces of Islam dealt mortal blows at the enemy aggressor, forcing the aggressive Iraqi Army to suffer major casualties and losses.

With complete vigilance our air defense units neutralized aggressive raids by enemy aircraft against our country's war regions.

On 20 July 23 of our military brothers from the Ground Forces, one from the Navy and two from the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran were martyred, joining the ranks of those martyrs who are forever witnessing the course of history. May their souls be happy and may their memories be held dear always!

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

PARS REPORTS DESTRUCTION OF IRAQI BORDER POSTS

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[Text] According to a PARS dispatch, thanks to the heavy fire of the combatant forces of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, several Iraqi border posts were utterly destroyed yesterday in the Piranshahr border region and the aggressive enemy suffered casualties and losses.

The same dispatch, quoting the Public Relations Office of the West Azarbayjan Governorate General, says: The operations were carried out at a time when the enemy forces made a desperate bid to occupy Qamtareh in the environs of Piranshahr. Leaving behind three of its servicemen killed and eight wounded in this engagement, the enemy was forced to flee. During these operations our forces did not suffer any casualties or losses.

TEHRAN CRITICIZES TASS WOOING OF SOVIET MUSLIMS

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[Text] Quoting Soviet religious officials, the official Soviet TASS news agency has emphasized that Soviet Muslim religious leaders are supporting the Kremlin's peace policy as they deem it congruent with the behests of the Koran.

According to informed observers, the Soviet Government's reporting to that country's Muslim heads in order to obtain support for the Kremlin's policy can only demonstrate the existence of dissatisfaction among Soviet Muslims, which is mounting daily due to the military occupation of Afghanistan and the killing of Afghan Muslims. It has therefore forced the Soviet rulers to enlist the support of certain government-sponsored pseudo-clergymen with regard to, as it were, the congruence of the Kremlin's peace policy with the teachings of the Koran, perhaps in order to present its aggressive policy and genocide against the Muslim nation of Afghanistan as a form of peaceful policy that conforms to the Koran.

SRI LANKA

OPPOSITION WALKS OUT DURING NO-CONFIDENCE DEBATE

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[Text] Colombo, 23 Jul (AFP)--The entire opposition staged a walkout in Sri Lanka's Parliament today as it began a debate on a motion of no-confidence against the opposition leader.

The motion, sponsored by 38 government parliamentarians, seeks to censure opposition leader Appapillai Amirthalingam, who is also leader of the minority Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), for advocating a separate state for the Tamil community as reported in two Indian newspapers in January this year.

Political observers noted that the main platform of the TULF is its campaign for a separate state in the northern and eastern provinces for the Tamil minority in the country who represent 11.2 percent of the population.

Sixteen members of the TULF, who had been boycotting Parliament since June 10 following incidents of violence early last month in Jaffna, the homeland of the Tamils, returned to Parliament today and walked out one hour later when the speaker refused to grant a request by their leader Mr. Amirthalingam to make a statement of personal explanation.

Mr. Amirthalingam (54) said he wanted to make a statement about allegations made in the house during his absence that he had had talks abroad recently with international aid giving agencies for direct assistance to develop Jaffna district.

The speaker, Mr. Bakeer Markar, refused his request saying that Mr. Amirthalingam was attempting to make the statement anticipating the no-confidence motion against him which was to follow.

Despite assurances by Mr. Amirthalingam that he would not refer to the subject matter of the motion, the speaker stuck to his ruling and the 16 members of the TULF walked out of the House led by Mr. Amirthalingam amid shouts from the government benches.

Immediately after the exit of the TULF members, a point of order was raised by Mr. Maitripala Senanayake of the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) against the moving of the censure motion of Mr. Amirthalingam.

Mr. Senanayake said that the no confidence motion was against the scope and ambit of the powers of the House as the opposition leader held his position with the confidence of the opposition and not with the indulgence of the government. The only member of the opposition Communist Party, Sarath Muttetuwegma, supported Mr. Senanayake in his point of order.

The speaker overruled the objections saying that party leaders had already agreed to the censure motion and it had already been placed in the order paper. Following this ruling the seven members of the SLFP also walked out accompanied by Mr. Muttetuwegama. The censure motion was then moved by a ruling United National Party (UNP) member Dr. Neville Fernando and government parliamentarians proceeded to discuss it while all the opposition benches were vacant.

The Cabinet yesterday decided to allow government parliamentarians a free vote on the motion. A government spokesman said the views expressed by them on the motion would be their individual opinion and not that of the government.

The motion is certain to be passed political observers said the passage of the motion was unlikely to affect Mr. Amirthalingam's position as opposition leader as he could continue to hold that post as long as he enjoyed the confidence of the opposition members.